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1. Laurence Houston Gen Counsel	317 South				<p>Corrected copy of attachment to OC-3601, 13 Jan 54.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten note:]</i> This page is a duplicate of the original copy of the letter from the Gen Counsel to the JAG.</p>
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Statement of the Central Intelligence Agency in Support of the Expansion of the Radio Monitoring Capabilities of the Federal Communications Commission.

1. The CIA, as a part of its general intelligence responsibilities, has been requested to provide much more complete intelligence of foreign usage of the radio frequency spectrum than is presently available. In order to meet this requirement, the CIA is establishing a central file of radio monitoring records from all available sources as a service of common concern to all interested government agencies. This information is necessary to the operation of the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the U. S. Information Agency and other governmental agencies.

2. The intelligence required of CIA includes:

a. An understanding of the magnitude and method of operation of foreign radio communication systems particularly those behind the Iron Curtain.

b. The contribution of the communication structure to the military, economic, technical, social and political situation in foreign countries.

c. An estimate of the trends and future developments in geographic areas particularly in inaccessible countries.

d. An understanding of the capabilities and vulnerabilities of national communication structures in relation to radio jamming.

3. The proposed expansion of monitoring activities by the Federal Communications Commission will provide much of the detailed information on radio transmissions necessary to developing our knowledge of foreign communications activities for the foregoing purposes. It is intended that the information obtained by these expanded activities be supplied to the central file of radio monitoring information referred to in paragraph 1, to be available by it to those agencies requiring this type information.